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Embroidered Panel 1661. 15 x 19 inches.

This fine example of stumpwork was recently found in one of our storage rooms. On the back of the frame appears the inscription: "This picture I do give to Thomas Booth Fox. Anne Fox 1796." Below this: "This picture was made Anno Domini 1661." Time and dirt have taken their toll, but careful cleaning and repairing have not destroyed the beauty of craftsmanship displayed in this scene of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba in a garden.

Stumpwork is a type of embroidery which flourished in England during the reign of the Stuart kings and enjoyed great popularity as a medium for displaying a lady's skill in needlework. King Solomon was a stock subject

much used in such embroidery. The fish pond covered with a sheet of mica and the tiny sea shells sewn to the beach are characteristic. Also the lion and the unicorn, the mica-covered windows in the castle, the bluebird on the cherry tree and the sun in the center background, all appeared time and time again in the examples surviving today.

The design is embroidered on a white satin background, and employs a variety of stitches and materials. The raised figures were made separately and couched onto the satin, while the faces are of white satin with delicately painted features. Many stitches familiar to the modern needle-worker are employed, including the button hole, chain and tent stitches and French knots. Predominating colors are soft tints of rose, blue and yellow; grass is represented by shaded green and tan chenille, and the entire panel glitters with fine gold and silver threads and seed pearls.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

You will note that with a new volume, we are changing somewhat the format of our *Bulletin.* The object is to stress the institution rather than the organ and gain better legibility and reproduction of half tone illustrations. We hope you like it for we feel it is another of those short steps forward which we believe is progress.

The Hartford Courant is giving us photographic prints of historical significance. This is of great importance and illustrates how an outstanding newspaper recognizes the necessity of permanently keeping the records of Connecticut. It is also a tribute to this institution in that they appreciate our task and are willing to cooperate. The responsibility is ours; we request what we consider important and the *Courant* editors see that we get them. This applies only to events which their photographers cover, so the field is open for similar arrangements throughout the State.

At the meeting held in November, it was voted that the publications of the Society, except those sold on a commission basis, be available to members at 20% less than the published price. This is a large saving and one which we hope will appeal to many of our members. The complete list of publications was printed in our last *Annual Report.* If other copies are desired we should be happy to supply them as long as they last. Already, stocks of two of the titles listed have been exhausted. They are now what dealers call "out of print," and as a result their price will steadily advance.

The usual plea for funds for preservation and restoration purposes is made again. Some day we will be pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming response to our requests! In the meantime, we shall continue to draw attention to particular items. We have a large manuscript map of Hartford, drawn by Solomon Porter in 1790. It is 56½ x 47 inches, is the earliest survey of the city, and shows the streets and buildings with names of their owners. Porter was a prominent merchant of Hartford and was the official surveyor at that time. This map is in such poor condition that we already have an envelop of portions that have broken off. It is criminal to permit this to continue, for the day is not far off when it will completely disintegrate. Even now

we are not assured the entire map is available for treatment. Time is running out in this instance, all for the want of 100 dollars.

While speaking of necessary restoration projects, let us for a moment examine a situation which exists here. For many years we have been sorely pressed for space. We have never had a proper catalogue, and we have never had a staff large enough to handle the normal acquisitions of the Library. As a result we do not know what we have nor, what is most important, we can not find what we want when we need it. Due to the lack of shelf space much that should be available is in storage. This is bad enough, but not knowing what is in storage makes the situation particularly hopeless. Briefly, it means we have many duplicates, and we are constantly adding to this list for we buy many things on the suspicion that we do not have them. It also means that real rarities are stowed away here in boxes that no one knows anything about. Recently, we accidentally found a box containing a group of maps and prints. Among these might be noted:

1. Map of Mexico, Texas, old and new California and Yucatan. Hartford: House [William W.] and Brown [J. S.] 1847. Lith. of E. B. & E. C. Kellogg.

2. A Correct Map of the State of Vermont from Actual Survey; . . . by James Whitelaw . . . 1796. Engraved by Amos Doolittle, New Haven, 1796.

3. A celestial hemisphere or Map of the Heavens, . . . Published by Silas Andrus, Hartford, Conn., 1861.

4. Map of the United States compiled from the most authentic sources. Published by E[leazer] Huntington & A[saph] Willard. Hartford, 1826.

5. Stebbins' Reference Map of Europe compiled from late and authentic sources. Published by L[ucius] Stebbins, Hartford, Conn., 1848. [Lith. of Kellogg & Comstock Co.]

6. The United States according to the Definite Treaty of Peace signed at Paris Sept. 3 1783 . . . By Wm McMurray. R. Scot sculp.

7. A Map of the United States and British Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada with other parts adjacent by Shelton & Kensett. A. Doolittle & T. Kensett, sc. 1816.

8. A Map of the Connecticut Western Reserve from actual Survey by Seth Pease. Engraved & printed for the Author by Amos Doolittle, Newhaven, 1798.

Along with these were several interesting Kellogg lithographs and one of the finest early American primitive paintings we have ever seen. It will be reproduced in the next *Bulletin,* is by James Rabbeth and represents the town of Curtisville about 1855. The point we are making is that all these maps and prints were jammed into a box far too small for them and they were covered with coal dust. In short, these fine additions to the Library were going to pieces. They all should be in the Library, for they are either pub-

lished or engraved by Connecticut persons or show Connecticut at a time when other maps are scarce. Ignoring the space problem, the question arises: what are we to do about them? To be preserved, they need treatment, matting, cleaning and repairing. They belong in the Library, but in their present condition they can not be used. If handled, rips and tears grow worse and the coal dust is ground in and then can never be removed. Our responsibility seems clear that funds for the maintenance of this fine collection must be found. Contributions, both large and small, are earnestly solicited. If we are to continue as an institution dedicated to the preservation of Connecticut's past, we must expect an ever increasing amount of restoration. This Library is our trust and we must not fail to do all in our power to maintain its high standards.

ASAPH SMITH'S ACCOUNT BOOK

The record printed below is a fine example of one type of material often found in account books. Deacon Asaph[5] (Noah[4], Samuel[3], Jonathan[2], William[1]) Smith

b. June 9, 1759 Kensington
d. April 9, 1821; buried in Blue Hills Cemetery (Stocking's Corner) Berlin
m. Abigail ————
b. 1750
d. Jan. 3, 1832

Children:

1. Anna
2. Asaph b. 1780; bpt. Oct. 12, 1794 Kensington
   d. July 23, 1865
   m. 1st Sept. 12, 1802 Lucy Cole, dau. of Stephen and Lucy (Deming) Cole
   bpt. Aug. 18, 1782
   d. Aug. 27, 1829
   m. 2nd Abby Kelsey
   b. 1800
   d. Jan. 27, 1886
3. Lavinia
4. Sylvester

Asaph Smith was in Captain Heart's Company, Colonel Hooker's Regiment in the Revolutionary War. During his lifetime he was a farmer, a Deacon of the Berlin Congregational Church and operated a cidery and winery, records of which (1789-1854) have recently been purchased. They cover the period of Asaph and his son Asaph, Jr. and are a fine economic source record for Berlin. Aside from economic information, always of importance, Asaph Smith and his son kept a record of births and deaths in Berlin for many years. These have been carefully transcribed and are printed here exactly as they appear in the account book. The only editing has been in placing them in chronological order wherever possible.

Births

Jan^{y} 21 Rodney Pickets Child
was Born
Feb^{u} 26 Norris Pecks Child was Born
Lewis Botsfords Child was Born March th 5
Asahel Pecks Child was Born March th 22
Linus Cowels Child was Born April
Bengamin Allens
Normand Winchels
M^{r} Robbins
Linus Clarck
Royal Robbins
Cyprian Stanlys
Cap^{t} Nortons
quinlins Russel Holisters
James Eltons two

the Deaths In this Society for
the year 1797 January

Do^{r} Amos gridley the 1	1	
January 13th the widow		
Elizabeth Hopkins 13	2	
March 4th Abel gridleys		
Child the 4	3	
March 26th Daved Rites		
Child 26	4	
Lucy winchel		
April 1th 1	5	
Alethine Horfington		
May the 22 22	6	
June 2th John Cole Child 2	7	
June 27th Aseal Cowls		
wife 27	8	
July 9th Matha Hopkins 9	9	
July 15th Elizah Baly 15	10	
John Horfington Dem^{r} 28th 28	11	

An account of the Deaths In the year 1804

The Widder Shepard died January	24
M^{rs} Hulett,s Babe Died Feb^{r}	2
M^{r} Roberd Barrit Died Feb^{r}	12
the Wife of Josiah Williams	
Died March	27
M^{r} Hezekiah Hart Died April	14
M^{r} Goodrichs Child Died April	27
M^{r} Abraham Hills Died May	1
Eliza Norton Died May	3
Ablgail Brunson Died June	16
M^{r} James Jones Died Sep^{t}	7
M^{r} Josiah Atwood Died october	28
M^{r} Roger Winchel Died Decmb^{r}	8

Mr Becket,s Child Died Decembr 16
An accon of the Deaths in the year 1805
Mr John Lees Child Died January 15
Lucy Andrus Died Febr 14
the Wid Abigail Brunson Died May 7
Mr John Belding Jnr Died May 13
Mr Joseph Pecks Wife Died
Mr Richard Coles Child Died
Mr Elisha Andrus Child Died July 26
Mr Nathan Williams Child Died
Mr Job Coles Child Died Sept 5
Mr Roger Norton Died Sept 14
Mr Oliver Standleys Children
Died in Oct
Deaths for the year 1809
Jany 15th Samuel Williams Child
March 4th widdow Bennits
March 18th the Aged widow Peck
March 9th Eliſha williams
April 7th Salmon winchels Chid
Amos Gridleys Child
April the 13
Joſeph Peck Child April 15th
Amos Gridleys Child May 10th
Mis Sarah Hooker May 6th
Marting Brunsons Child
the widdow Brunson
Ozias Coles wife
Sepr 8th
Mr Munſons Child
Deaths year 1811 Jany 12th
Mr Magerel
Jedidiah Gladding Child Jany
Raphel Bunnels Child Feby
February 11th Mr Nethaniel Bronson
March 1th Docter wards Child
March 4th Docter wards Child
Mr John perſons March 10th
Holie Nortons two Childring
Job Coles Child
Mis Burke
May 21th William Andrus wife
Abel gridlleys Child
September 22th
Mr Iſack Botſford
Danniel Kelsy
Harvy Beckets Child
Solomun Squirs Dafter Child
December 20th

Joel Bunnel wife

Deaths for year 1815

Jaʸ 5th Luther Stockings wife 5
Janʸ 19th Mr John Gladding 19
Febʸ 12th Sofiry Upſon 12

Deaths for the year 1816

Janʸ 15th Jonathen Hills
February 10th Died at Virgina
Abigail Becket
two Chrildring of Levi Barns

Deaths for

Janʸ 5th 1818 Mr Selah parker 5
Febʸ 1th Nathaniel Goff Child 1
March 3th Mr Cooke Child 3
March 17th Merete Coles Child 17
Auguſt 18th Mertin Brunson 18
September 4th Henerey Mix Died 2

A Acompt of the deaths In this pariſh for the year 1818 Janarʸ 20th

Mr Oliver pecks wife 71
Janʸ 25th the widow Norton
April 3th Mr Seth Coles Child
June 12th Mr Jabes Cowls Dafter
June 15th pollie Cowls
June 19th Samll Williams wife
Ira persevel June 22th
Aſhbel Dickiſon Child
Auguſt the 2
Henry perſons Auguſt
the 25
Sepr 10th William Hooker
Child
Noveb 6th Timothy persvil
March 1th 1819
Jennet Dunham
Emmerſon Stedman
Joſeph Doolittle
Joel Barns
Thomas Hooker
the wife of Nethaniel Cole March the 18

An Account of the Deaths
In the year 1826

Febr 2 Cornelia Loveland Age
Febr 4 Wm Hooker
Febr John Watermans Child
Feb. 15 Mr Nathaniel Goff
Febr 20 Mr Joel Yale
Febr 24 Albert Glading

March
3d Wdw Goodrich
March
18 Capt Amos Peck 72
March
18 Alva Cole,s Child
April
13 James Elcons Child
April
15 Wd Lydia Peck
April
29 Wd Patta Roas
May
10 Alvin Hotchkish Child
Wm Dunham 44
June
12 Agustas Gladdin found Dead
with his throat cut
June
26 Wd Nancy Peck
the Wd of Martin Brunson
Hosea Atwood Wife
Minervia Peck 19
Demia Wells 18
A Child of James Elton
Barnabus Dunham Novbr 1 82
Milly Gridley Novbr 5 7
Mr Wells Died at his Brothers
November 6
Doct Upson Died Novb 13
Betsey Shepard Died
Novb 15 23
Ester Plant Died December 2 72

Deaths in the Year 1827

Janr Wm Thompson Wife Aged 50
Janr John Kents Wife Aged 50

Deaths In the Year 1832 Aged
Wm Roland died Janr 2 — 20
Wedo Abigail Smith Janr 3 82
Appleton Francis Janr 15
Febr
14 James Graham,s 2 Children aged 4

(To be continued)

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